UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO.

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al..

Debtors.1

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

Re: ECF No. 23525

(Jointly Administered)

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 4780-LTS

Re: ECF No. 3212

(Jointly Administered)

JOINDER OF THE PUERTO RICO FISCAL AGENCY AND FINANCIAL ADVISORY AUTHORITY TO THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO'S RESPONSE TO INFORMATIVE MOTION OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF PREPA BONDHOLDERS, ASSURED GUARANTY CORP., ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP., AND SYNCORA GUARANTEE, INC. CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES' REFUSAL TO COMMENCE PLAN DISCOVERY [ECF NO. 3248]

The Debtors in these Title III cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number listed as a bankruptcy case number due to software limitations and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481), (ii) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686), (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808), (iv) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474), (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747), and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801).

To the Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

The Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("<u>AAFAF</u>") respectfully joins the *Response to Informative Motion of the Ad Hoc Group of PREPA Bondholders, Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., and Syncora Guarantee, Inc. Concerning the Government Parties' Refusal to Commence Plan Discovery [ECF No. 3248] (the "<u>FOMB Response</u>").² In support, AAFAF respectfully states as follows:*

- 1. There will be a time and place to bring discovery disputes before the Court if the Disclosure Statement is approved and the Plan moves forward, because a coordinated schedule and parameters around discovery will be set. Movants' Informative Motion is a ham-handed effort to take a cheap shot at the Oversight Board and AAFAF for choosing to act within those to-be-ordered parameters rather than engage in *ad hoc*, disorganized discovery.
- 2. The Movants have no basis for insisting on Plan discovery directed at AAFAF outside of coordinated, global procedures and before a disclosure statement is approved. The Oversight Board has proposed a Plan discovery schedule and procedures that are consistent with prior practice and with this Court's desire for a July 2023 confirmation hearing. AAFAF agrees that Plan discovery should proceed through an efficient, streamlined process.
- 3. As Plan discovery unfolds, AAFAF will appropriately respond to reasonable requests while protecting all applicable privileges.

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² All ECF numbers refer to docket entries in case number 17-BK-4780-LTS. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the FOMB Response.

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Respectfully submitted,

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